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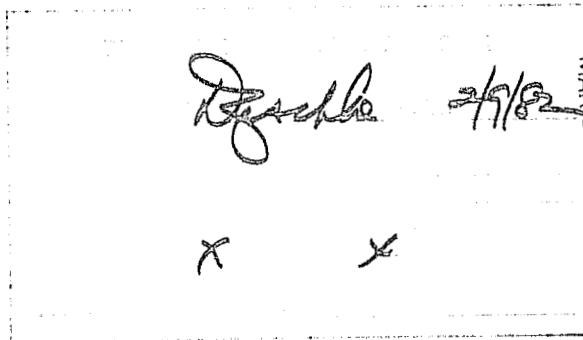
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June 30, 1954

9:25 p.m.

Mr. Holland dictated following message for Mr. Wisner over phone to Mr. Wisner's office:

That I have talked—about 15 minutes ago—to Ambassador McDermott in El Salvador. That he reports that Colonel Castillo Armas and Colonel Monzon have had a meeting of about two hours and a half; have had dinner together and are now continuing their meeting. That preliminary impressions are that Castillo Armas is being firm in his position; that he does not want to sacrifice his military gains; that Monzon, on the other hand, is reported to be holding out for control of the Army. That Ambassador McDermott has made the statement that the U.S. Government has performed its function of helping bring about the meeting and is not participating in the conferences. That if agreement is not reached tonight Ambassador Peurifoy's plane will go back to Guatemala at dawn tomorrow to be on hand to bring him over to El Salvador on short notice should it appear that the conferences not going successfully. This message from McDermott is being confirmed by cable and we will all have it tomorrow.

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